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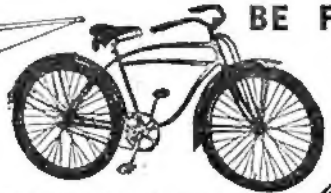

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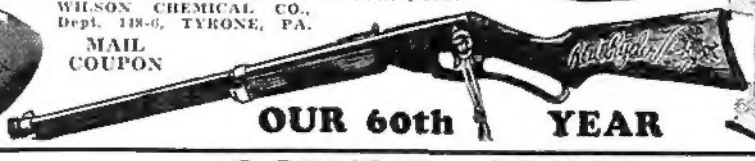

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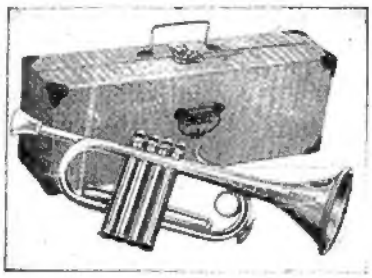

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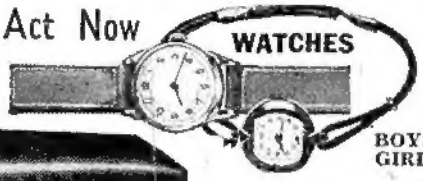

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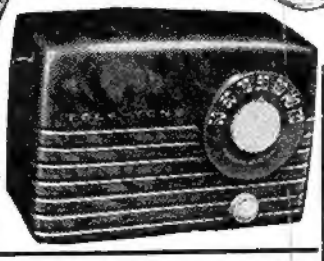

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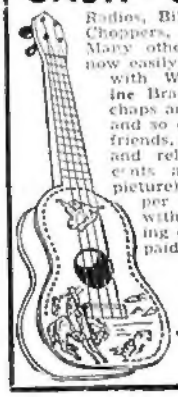

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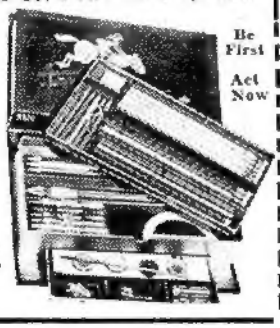

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HE HAD BEEN A TOP MAN IN THE GANG, BUT NOW THEY TOOK HIM TO MIDWESTERN STATE PEN, WHERE A NEW WARDEN HAD NEW IDEAS! THERE THE WARDEN TOOK A CHANCE WITH THE MIND THAT WAS TWISTED IN HATE AND CRIMINALITY! HE MADE THIS GANGSTER, THE PRISONER CONDEMNED TO A LIFETIME TERM, A...

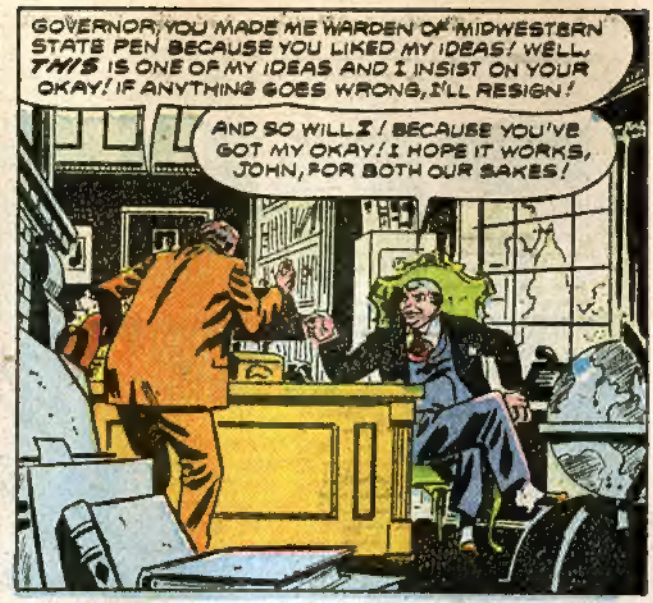
TRUSTY!

BOY, WHAT FOOLS THEY WERE TO MAKE YOU A TRUSTY, HUH, MIGGENS?
PRETTY SMART YOU ARE, MIGGENS... MAKIN' 'EM THINK YOU REFORMED ENOUGH TO BE A TRUSTY! MIKE MIGGENS NEVER -REFORMS! RIGHT?
HEY, MIGGENS, WHEN YA BREAKIN' OUT, HUH?
BOB FORGIONE
FIRE

MIKE MIGGENS IS DANGEROUS! HE'S BEEN ANTISOCIAL ALL HIS LIFE! NOW THAT WE'VE FINALLY CONVICTED HIM, HE'S TRIED TO BREAK OUT OF PRISON EVERY WEEK! HE'S THE WORST PRISONER IN THE HISTORY OF OUR STATE!

AND YOU WANT TO MAKE HIM A TRUSTY! IT'S UTTERLY FANTASTIC! I CAN'T LET YOU DO THIS, JOHN, NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOUR IDEAS HAVE BEEN SO FAR!
BUT I'M GOING TO DO IT, GOVERNOR, AND I WANT YOUR OKAY! I KNOW YOU'LL GIVE IT TO ME!

MIGGENS HAS A LONG RECORD! HE'S DONE EVERYTHING SHORT OF MURDER! YOU THINK THAT BY MAKING HIM A TRUSTY, YOU'LL MAKE HIM A MODEL PRISONER?

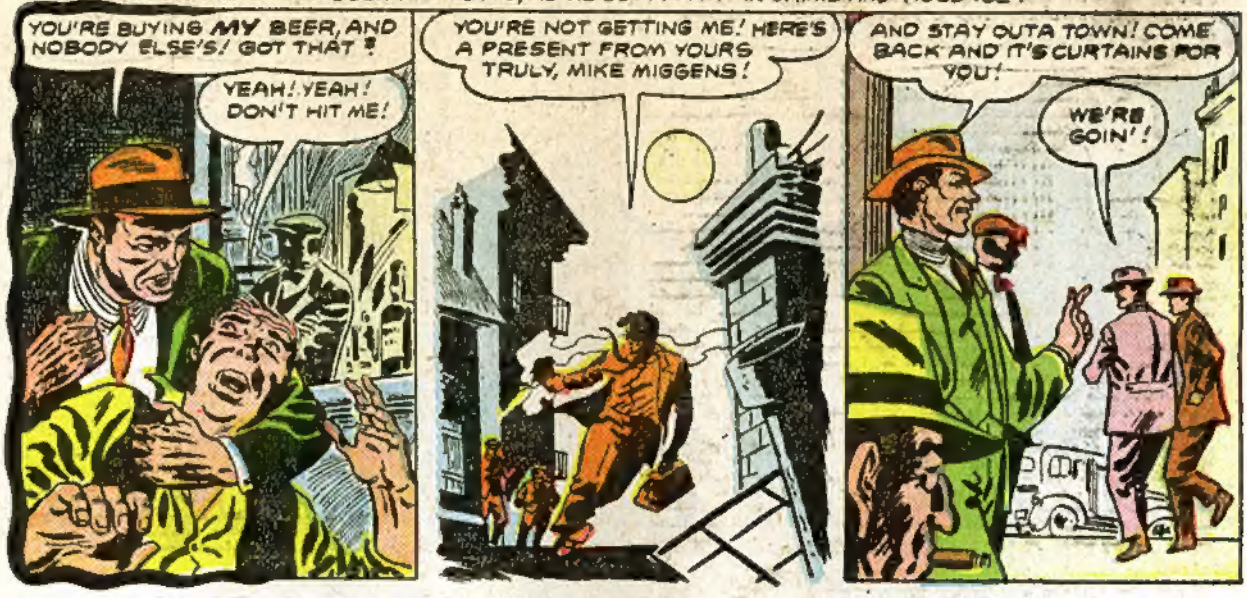

GOVERNOR, YOU MADE ME WARDEN OF MIDWESTERN STATE PEN BECAUSE YOU LIKED MY IDEAS! WELL, THIS IS ONE OF MY IDEAS AND I INSIST ON YOUR OKAY! IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, I'LL RESIGN!
AND SO WILL I! BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT MY OKAY! I HOPE IT WORKS, JOHN, FOR BOTH OUR SAKES!

AND SO WARDEN JOHN CHANDLER TRIED A DARING AND UNPRECEDENTED EXPERIMENT...

YOU'RE HERE FOR LIFE, MIGGENS, AND YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF TIME ON YOUR HANDS! I FOUND OUT YOU READ A LOT! YOU LIKE BOOKS! IS THAT RIGHT?
I REPEAT... SO WHAT?

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, MIGGENS... THAT I'M BEING A SAP! MAYBE I AM, BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA IT'LL WORK OUT! RIGHT, MIGGENS?
YEAH! IT'LL WORK OUT!

MIKE MIGGENS, OUT OF PRISON HAD BEEN THE TERROR OF RIVAL MOBS! HATRED OF EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING HAD BEEN HIS MOTTO, AS HE CUT A PATH IN CRIME AND VIOLENCE!


YOU'RE BUYING MY BEER, AND NOBODY ELSE'S! GOT THAT?
YEAH! YEAH! DON'T HIT ME!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING ME! HERE'S A PRESENT FROM YOURS TRULY, MIKE MIGGENS!
AND STAY OUTA TOWN! COME BACK AND IT'S CURTAINS FOR YOU!
WE'RE GOIN'!

WARDEN CHANDLER KNEW ALL ABOUT THIS! AND HE KNEW ALL ABOUT MIKE'S TEN YEAR PRISON RECORD IN VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS TOO...

GET OUT OF MY WAY!
GRAB HIM! HE'S OFF HIS ROCKER AGAIN!
BACK HE GOES TO SOLITARY!
YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME BACK THERE! YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST!
YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE LAW FOREVER! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE UP?

BUT HE NEVER GAVE UP! WITH CAREFUL SCHEMING AND DARING, HE TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM EVERY PRISON IN WHICH THEY PUT HIM!

AND THIS WAS THE MAN THAT WARDEN JOHN CHANDLER, IN JUNE OF 1936, MADE A TRUSTY...

AS USUAL, THE PRISON GRAPEVINE SPREAD THE NEWS LIKE WILDFIRE!

HEY, MIGGENS! WHEN YUH BREAKIN' OUT, HUH?

BOY, WHAT FOOLS THEY WERE TO MAKE *YOU* A TRUSTY, EH, MIGGENS?

PRETTY SMART YOU ARE, MAKIN' 'EM THINK YOU REFORMED ENOUGH TO BE A TRUSTY! MIKE MIGGENS NEVER REFORMS! RIGHT?

THE WHOLE PRISON, CONVICTS AND GUARDS ALIKE THOUGHT THE WARDEN WAS WRONG IN MAKING MIKE A TRUSTY! THIS PRIVILEGE, HOWEVER EXTENDED ONLY AS FAR AS THE LIBRARY, AND IT SUDDENLY BECAME VERY POPULAR WITH THE CONVICTS...

TAKE ME WITH YUH WHEN YUH BREAK OUT, EH, PAL?

THIS OUGHTTA BE THE EASIEST CAPER YUH EVER PULLED!

THE DAYS PASSED AND NOTHING HAPPENED! EVERYONE EXPECTED MIKE TO MAKE HIS BREAK, BUT IT DIDN'T COME...

HE'S JUST BIDING HIS TIME, JOHN! YOU BETTER BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!

I'M NOT WORRIED, GOVERNOR!

BUT *WE* ARE, WARDEN! THE GUARDS DON'T LIKE THIS! WITH MIGGENS LOOSE, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN! AND THE MEN ARE GETTING BOLDER AND TOUGHER! THEY'RE LAUGHING AT US!

AS LONG AS MIKE DOESN'T TRY ANYTHING, HE'LL REMAIN A TRUSTY, NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE THINKS OF IT!

THEN, ONE WINTER DAY, THE PATIENCE OF THE CONVICTS WORE OUT...

LISTEN, MIKE, WHEN YUH GONNA BREAK OUT?

NEVER!

WHAT?

YOU HEARD ME! I'VE SPENT ALL MY TIME ON THE OUTSIDE DODGING THE POLICE AND I'M TIRED OF IT! IF I GET OUT NOW, THEY MAY KILL ME THE NEXT TIME THEY CATCH UP WITH ME! BESIDES, THERE'S ANOTHER REASON...

I'LL TELL YUH THE *OTHER* REASON... YOU'RE YELLOW! YOU'VE GROWN SOFT IN YER OLD AGE! WELL, WE'RE BREAKIN' OUT, SEE? AND WE'RE USIN' *YOU* TO MAKE OUR GETAWAY!

THEY WERE ON HIM LIKE A GANG OF WILDCATS! IN AN INSTANT, THEY HAD HIM BEFORE THEM AS A SHIELD AND PUSHED HIM AHEAD INTO THE CORRIDOR...

LISTEN TO US! LET US THRU OR MIGGENS GETS IT, SEE?

WARDEN, IT'S JUST ONE OF MIGGENS'S TRICKS, LETTING US THINK THIS ISN'T *HIS* IDEA! WE'LL STOP THE RATS!

WAIT!

IF MIGGENS IS IN ON THIS, THEN THE GOVERNOR AND I ARE BOTH THROUGH! I'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE!
AND WHILE WE'RE WAITING, THEY'LL GET AWAY!
THROW YOUR GUNS OUT ON THE FLOOR AND BACK AWAY AND LET US THRU, YUH HEAR?
THROW THE GUNS DOWN, MEN!
IT'S A TRICK, I TELL YOU! THIS IS ALL MIGGENS'S IDEA... AND IT'S HIS BEST YET!
THROW DOWN THE GUNS!
OKAY! NOW BACK AWAY SO WE CAN COME THRU! WARDEN, ORDER YOUR OUTSIDE GUARDS TO LET US OUT! YUH HEAR ME?
I HEAR YOU!
WARDEN! THEY'RE WALKING OUT FREE AND CLEAR! WE CAN STILL STOP THEM, IF YOU SAY THE WORD!
NO, NOT YET! I STAKED A LOT ON MIGGENS, MAKING HIM A TRUSTY! IF I WAS WRONG, I'LL PAY FOR IT... BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW IF I FAILED!
NICE GOING, BOYS! I'M WITH YOU! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN FROM THE BEGINNING!
OKAY! THOUGHT YOU'D SEE IT OUR WAY!
WE ONLY GOT A LITTLE WAY TO GO AND WE'LL BE OUT!
YOU'LL BE OUT, ALL RIGHT...
...OUT COLD!
HUH?

WARDEN, I'VE BEEN A RAT AND A CROOK... BUT THIS MUCH I KNOW! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE LAW FOR-EVER! SOMEDAY THEY'RE BOUND TO CARRY YOU OUT IN A PINE BOX!
I SEE--

BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE, WARDEN! NOBODY EVER TRUSTED ME! YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE WHO DID... AND I COULDN'T LET YOU DOWN!
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR, MIKE! THANKS!

ME... A TRUSTY! I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT! EVERYBODY ELSE TREATED ME LIKE THE PUNK I WAS! YOU TREATED ME LIKE A MAN... AND I'M GRATEFUL!

BESIDES, THESE RATS TRIED TO SPOIL A GOOD RACKET FOR ME! I HAD IT SOFT IN THAT LIBRARY AND I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO SPOIL IT!
GET THE GOVERNOR ON THE PHONE, HARRY!

NO, MIGGENS WASN'T FREED AS A RESULT OF WHAT HE DID... HIS RECORD WAS TOO BAD FOR THAT! BUT HE JUSTIFIED THE FAITH OF A PROGRESSIVE WARDEN IN THE TRUSTY SYSTEM ... A SYSTEM THAT HAS REWARDED WORTHY CONVICTS WITH A POSITION OF TRUST!

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HIDE-OUT!

HOLD UP YOUR FIRE, BILL! YOU MAY SHOOT INTO ONE OF THOSE HOUSES UP AHEAD!
THE DIRTY RATS KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING WHEN THEY TOOK THIS ROUTE TO GET AWAY! STEP ON IT, HARRY! WE'VE GOT TO STOP 'EM!
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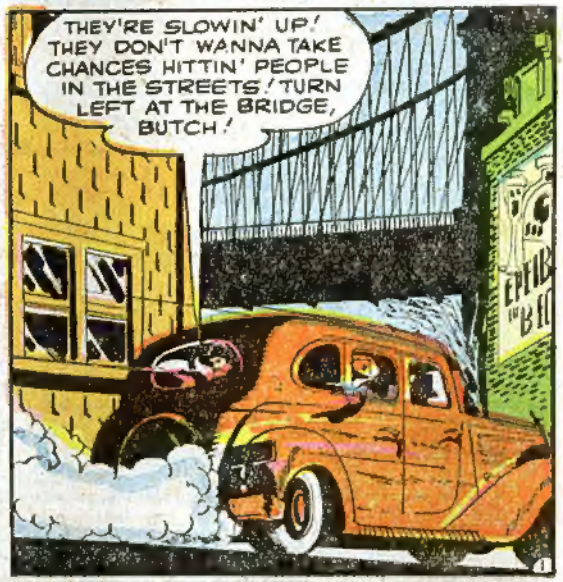

POLICE SIRENS SCREAMED! BRAKES SCREECHED! A SQUADRON OF POLICE CARS CONVERGED ON THE SCENE
WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?
I DON'T KNOW! THEY DISAPPEARED ABOUT HERE! COVER THE AREA! DON'T GIVE THOSE HOODS A CHANCE TO GET AWAY!
BUT ROCK DANNING HAD THIS GET-AWAY WELL PLANNED! THE CAR SPED INTO A CONVERTED CABIN CRUISER!
NEW YORK, CARL, AND STEP ON IT! WE'RE HEADING FOR THE BIGGEST HIDE-OUT IN THE WORLD... THE ONE PLACE WHERE THEY'LL NEVER FIND US!
MANHATTAN!
TWO HOURS LATER...
IT'S NO USE, INSPECTOR! WE COVERED THE BRIDGES AND CUT OFF EVERY STREET LEADING FROM THIS AREA! WE LOOKED INTO EVERY SPOT WHERE A CAR COULD BE HIDDEN!
THEY GOT AWAY WITH OVER $100,000 FROM THAT BANK! RECOGNIZE ANY OF 'EM?
I DID, SIR!
THAT HOOD WE GOT BACK AT THE BANK... I KNOW HIM! FRANK MUNN! WE WERE KIDS TOGETHER IN NEW YORK... AND IF HE WAS STILL HANGING OUT WITH THE SAME OLD CROWD, I KNOW WHO THE OTHER CROOKS ARE, TOO! I THINK I KNOW WHERE THEIR HIDE-OUT IS!
WELL, WHERE IS IT?
THERE IT IS... THE PLACE WHERE WE WERE BORN AND BROUGHT UP! THE ONE PLACE THEY FIGURE IS BIG ENOUGH TO HIDE IN... MANHATTAN!
YOU MAY HAVE SOMETHING THERE, SIMMS!
I COULD GO OVER IN PLAIN CLOTHES... AND I COULD BRING THEM IN... WITH YOUR PERMISSION! I KNOW THEIR HANGOUTS AS WELL AS THEY DO!
YOU HAVE MY OKAY, SIMMS! YOU'RE HEREBY ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL DUTY! BRING IN THAT MOB!
MEANWHILE...
WE'RE SPLITTIN' UP AND SCATTERIN' THE WAY WE PLANNED, GUYS! THE LOOT'S STASHED AWAY IN A HOLE WE DUG IN BRYANT PARK! AS SOON AS THE HEAT'S OFF, WE'LL DIG UP THE DOUGH AND BLOW! GOT THAT?
GOT IT, ROCK! LET'S GO!

EACH MAN LOST HIMSELF IN THE GREAT CONFUSION THAT WAS MANHATTAN! THE GREAT METROPOLIS WAS TRULY THE MELTING POT OF THE WORLD, AND IT WAS HERE THAT THE MOB VANISHED FROM THE SIGHT OF THE LAW, EACH IN HIS OWN WAY...

ROCK LOVED MOVIES! HE COULD WATCH THEM DAY AND NIGHT... AND HE DID!

WALT POTTER WAS A FIGHT AND BASEBALL FAN, SO EVERY DAY FOUND HIM IN THE MIDST OF CROWDS...

PETE MADDOX LOVED DANCING! HIS HANGOUT WAS THE CROWDED DANCE HALLS...

CARL LOVED TO WATCH THE BOATS ON THE EAST RIVER FROM THE ROOF TOPS...

BUTCH HUNG OUT ON THE WATER-FRONT, THE PLACE WHERE HE AND THE MOB HAD GROWN UP! THIS WAS THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO HIM...

AND COMING TO GET THEM WAS ONE LONE MAN, A POLICEMAN NAMED BILL SIMMS...

ROCK... WALT... PETE... CARL AND BUTCH! I DIDN'T GET A *GOOD* LOOK AT THEM, BUT I'M SURE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO PULLED THAT JOB! IF THEY'RE IN NEW YORK WHERE WOULD EACH ONE OF THOSE MUGS SPEND HIS TIME? WHAT DID THEY DO WHEN WE WERE KIDS TOGETHER?

SO OFFICER SIMMS SEARCHED HIS MIND TO REMEMBER, AND WHILE HE WAS WAITING FOR THE THOUGHTS TO RETURN TO HIM, HE VISITED HIS OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, THE WEST SIDE OF GREENWICH VILLAGE...

THIS OFFICER OF THE LAW WENT ABOUT HIS DUTY IN THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL WAYS... LETTING HIMSELF BE SEEN EVERYWHERE...

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EMPIRE BUILDERS

JOE AND HIS DAD ACT AND FEEL LIKE MILLIONAIRE RAILROAD OWNERS!

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AND WHILE OFFICER SIMMS SEARCHED FOR HIS QUARRY, IT WAS WATCHING HIM WITH FEAR..

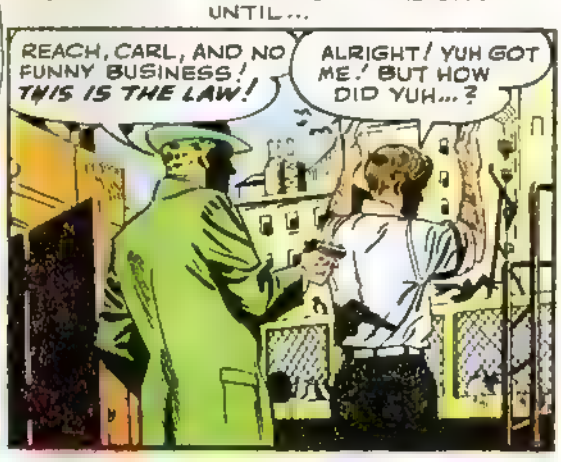
BUT FEAR AND ANXIETY SPOILED THE GANGSTER'S AIM! AND THIS WAS WHAT OFFICER SIMMS WAS WAITING FOR.

BUT THERE WAS NO NEXT SHOT FOR BUTCH MILLER! THAT NEXT SHOT BELONGED TO OFFICER SIMMS AND HE DIDN'T WASTE IT!

A FEW HOURS LATER, AT THE CITY MORGUE..

GOOD WORK, SIMMS! THE BANK GUARD IDENTIFIED BUTCH MILLER AS ONE OF THE STICK-UP MEN! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL! NOW THAT WE'RE SURE WHO THE OTHERS ARE, I'LL SEND OUT AN ALARM ON THEM!
AN ALARM WOULD ONLY SEND THEM SO DEEP INTO THE UNDERWORLD, WE'D NEVER DIG THEM UP! KEEP WHAT HAPPENED TO BUTCH OUT OF THE PAPERS AND I THINK I CAN GUARANTEE GETTING THE OTHERS!

ONCE MORE, SIMMS GOT HIS WAY! REMEMBERING THAT CARL WAS A PIGEON FANCIER, HE SEARCHED THE ROOFS OF THE CITY UNTIL...

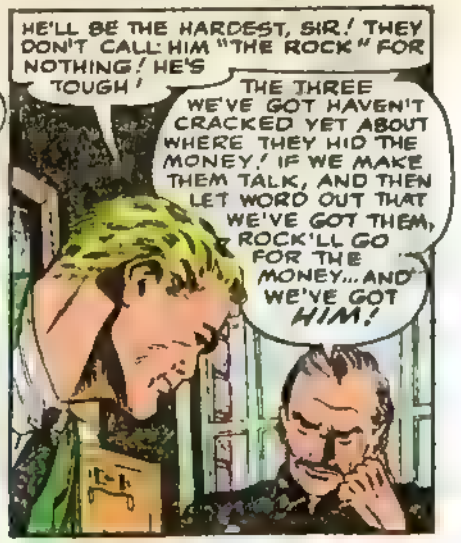


BUT CARL COULDN'T TELL ON HIS PALS! HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WERE, EXCEPT THAT THEY WERE IN THE CITY! ONCE MORE SIMMS REMEMBERED AND SET OFF ON THE TRAIL...

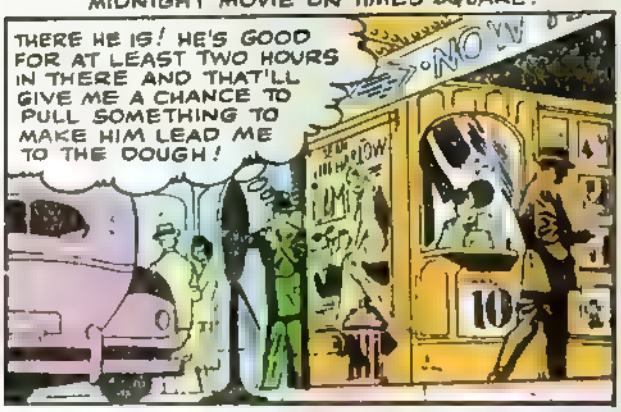
DESPERATE ACTION WAS THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR PETE, BUT THE POLICE OFFICER'S AIM WAS TRUE AND FAST...

WHEN THE WOUNDED MADDOX HAD BEEN HOSPITALIZED UNDER POLICE GUARD, SIMMS MOVED QUICKLY! HE REMEMBERED WALT'S LOVE FOR SPORTS, SO HE HAUNTED THE BALL PARKS AND FIGHT ARENAS, UNTIL, ONE NIGHT...

ONE DEAD, THREE CAPTURED... AND ONE TO GO... THE DEADLIEST AND MOST DANGEROUS OF THE MOB, THEIR LEADER, ROCK DANNING...


HE'LL BE THE HARDEST, SIR! THEY DON'T CALL HIM "THE ROCK" FOR NOTHING! HE'S TOUGH!
THE THREE WE'VE GOT HAVEN'T CRACKED YET ABOUT WHERE THEY HID THE MONEY! IF WE MAKE THEM TALK, AND THEN LET WORD OUT THAT WE'VE GOT THEM, ROCK'LL GO FOR THE MONEY... AND WE'VE GOT HIM!

THE POLICE QUESTIONED WALT AND CARL ABOUT THE ROBBERY, BUT THEY WOULDN'T CONFESS! MEANWHILE SIMMS HAD REMEMBERED THAT ROCK WAS A MOVIE FAN! ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 28TH, HE SPOTTED THE GANG LEADER GOING INTO A MIDNIGHT MOVIE ON TIMES SQUARE!


THERE HE IS! HE'S GOOD FOR AT LEAST TWO HOURS IN THERE AND THAT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PULL SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM LEAD ME TO THE DOUGH!
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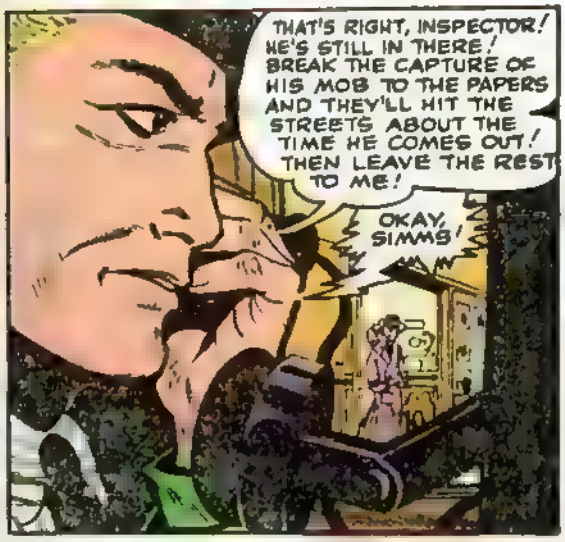
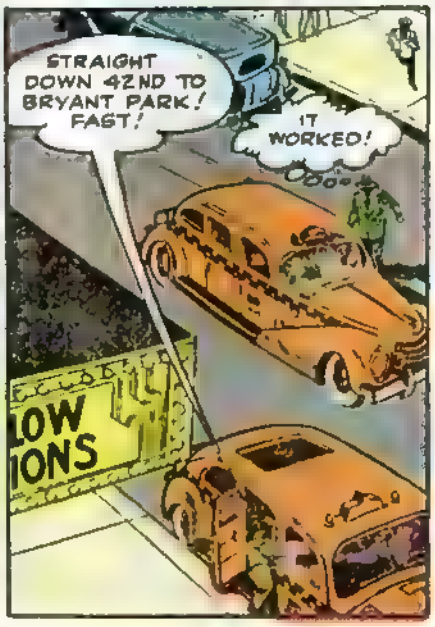

THAT'S RIGHT, INSPECTOR! HE'S STILL IN THERE! BREAK THE CAPTURE OF HIS MOB TO THE PAPERS AND THEY'LL HIT THE STREETS ABOUT THE TIME HE COMES OUT! THEN LEAVE THE REST TO ME!
OKAY, SIMMS!

AT 3:30 A.M....



FOLLOW THAT CAB, BUT PUT OUT YOUR LIGHTS AND DROP ME A HALF BLOCK BEHIND WHERE IT STOPS! THIS IS THE POLICE!
SURE THING, OFFICER!

ERVANT PARK WAS DESERTED, EXCEPT FOR A FEW SLEEPING TRAMPS. ROCK JUMPED OUT OF THE CAB AND HEADED STRAIGHT FOR A TREE IN THE CENTER OF THE PARK...

I'LL GRAB THAT DOUGH AND BLOW TOWN TONIGHT! THEY AIN'T NABBIN' ME!

AH! HERE IT IS! A HUNDRED GRAND! I'LL GO TO SOUTH AMERICA!

RAISE 'EM, ROCK! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST! DROP THAT MONEY!

"THE ROCK" DROPPED THE MONEY ALRIGHT, BUT HIS RIGHT HAND WAS BUSY IMMEDIATELY WITH A GUN!

I'LL GET YOU...

YOU'RE GETTING NOBODY, ROCK! DROP IT, I SAID!

TWO GUNS BARKED AT ONCE IN THE STILL OF THE NEW YORK NIGHT... BUT ONLY ONE BULLET HIT HOME!

YOU NEVER COULD SHOOT STRAIGHT!

BILL SIMMS! I SHOULDA KNOWN IT WAS *YOU*! TURN AGAINST YOUR OWN PEOPLE, EH?

YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE, ROCK! *YOU'RE* THE ONE WHO TURNED AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE! A LOT OF DECENT CITIZENS HAVE COME OUT OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD... BUT YOU AND YOUR MOB TRIED TO DISGRACE IT! COME ON, RAT!

AND SO OFFICER BILL SIMMS, WHO CAME OUT OF THE SLUMS, WENT BACK TO THEM TO DIG OUT THE RATS...

THE CITY CLOSED IN ON THE SCENE...THE VAST METROPOLIS THAT ROCK AND HIS MOB HAD PICKED AS A PRIZE HIDE-OUT, FORGETTING ONE THING...

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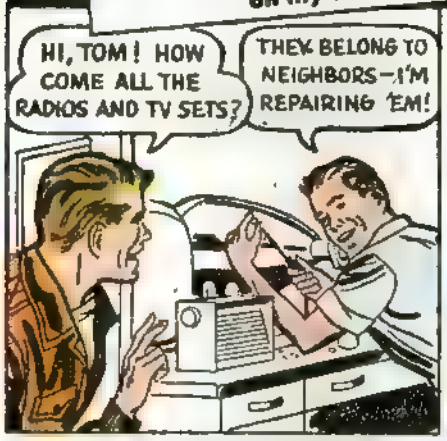

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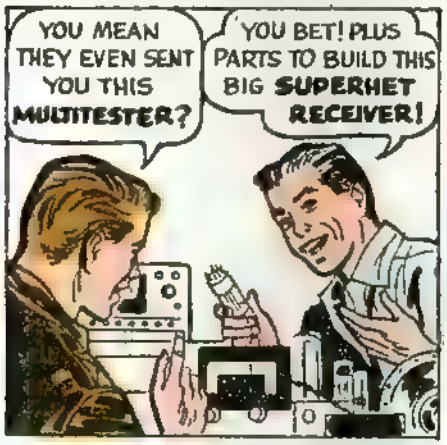

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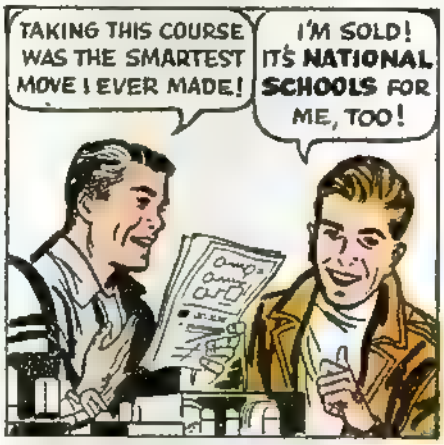

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WHENEVER Roger Livermore smiled he would show his perfect set of white teeth and stand erect. He reminded you of an ex-football star who had turned bond salesman. You would never suspect he was a private detective. Just now he was trying some of his charm on the private secretary in Philip Carolan's office.

"If you haven't done the town as yet I know some very nice places we can visit. There's one that serves Armenian food and another serves real Swedish stuff. Take your chance, baby."

The red-head with two big brown eyes refused to be impressed. It was her job to size up people and handle them accordingly. And she wasn't at a loss for words.

"My husband happens to be Joe Ritter, the boxer. I think he would object if I made dates with other men. In addition, Mr. Carolan is eagerly awaiting you. The big door to the right. And close it when you enter the room."

Roger knew when to take a "No" for an answer no matter how it was expressed. He whistled a short tune to himself and followed the directions the red-head had just given him. A stout, middle-aged man whose name was always on the financial section of the newspaper greeted him.

"I sent for you because they tell me you are the best private detective in the business. I have reason to believe that my son is being blackmailed by a very clever group of criminals. And I want you to handle matters for me."

Saying this, Mr. Carolan opened the drawer of his desk and took out a small package. He handed it to Roger Livermore and then continued speaking.

"You have inside this package one hundred one-thousand dollar bills of non consecutive numbers. That is what the blackmailers asked to be delivered to them. You will go with my son, Louis, and see if you can end this nasty business. He is waiting for you in the next office. For your services you will receive five thousand dollars. That is all, Mr. Livermore."

The private detective was about to reply that one can't do business with blackmailers. The best thing was to call in the police and let them make an arrest. But his keen eyes spotted the fact that the switch on the inter-com was open. That meant the secretary outside was listening. He took the package and went into the next room. There a thin young man who looked like his father remarked to him.

"My car is downstairs and we can head at once for Cypress Shores. You are to meet the blackmailers there and deliver the money to them."

A half hour later an expensive car was speeding along route 25A to the shore. Not a word had passed between the two men. Finally the detective spoke.

"Any objection to telling me just what it is the blackmailers have up their sleeve? After all since I am responsible for this money I would like to know something about the deal."

Young Louis Carolan, heir to his father's millions, kept his eye on the road ahead and then began to do some explaining.

"It's a clever set up they got. They use a girl by name of Joyce Hendricks as the bait. Pretty as a doll. Then you get invited to a week end party out at Cypress Shores. I guess they rented the house for the summer. Joyce made me fall for her. We had a party and I drank like a fish. A fellow passed some remarks. There was a fight. Then they told me I killed him by hitting him on the head with a bottle. And to prove it they showed me a 16mm. film they had taken of the entire fight. Clear as a professional job. And I don't think it was a fake because they got the body of the dead man down there. So you pay them the money and get the film from them."

They arrived at a house that looked as though it could have been a hotel. A butler announced them and they soon were in the living room. A man with a short cut beard and in a lounging gown greeted them. He looked at Louis Carolan's companion with keen eyes.

"My name is Roger Livermore," began the detective. "And if you know the name then you know I am a private detective. My job is to give you the blackmail money and end this entire affair. Can you run off the film for me."

The man started to say something but swallowed the words

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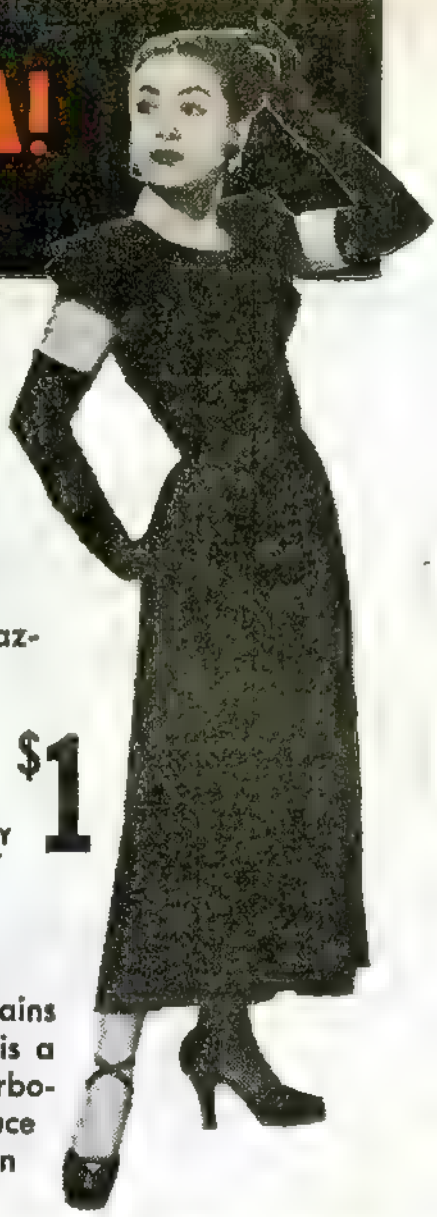

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THE WORLD'S LARGEST THEFT!

IT BEGAN IN LATE 1945, WHEN THREE MEN OF VARIED NATIONALITIES BUT WITH THE SAME COMMON PURPOSE CONVERGED ON A SECRET MEETING PLACE IN A CERTAIN CITY IN WAR-RAVAGED EUROPE! WHILE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD STRUGGLED TO COLLECT THEMSELVES AFTER THE HAVOC OF WAR, THESE THREE PLANNED THE GREATEST CRIME OF ALL TIME!

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THE WAR HAD TEMPORARILY DISRUPTED THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EUROPEAN AND ASIATIC POLICE, AND SO THESE MEN WERE STILL AT LARGE AND FREE TO PLAN AND SCHEME AS THEY WISHED...

IT IS GOOD YOU ARE ALL HERE! WE WILL GO INSIDE BEFORE WE ARE SEEN!

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, IGNATZ! NOBODY IN THIS CITY KNOWS WHO WE ARE, AND THEY WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING IF THEY DID!

THE DOORS WERE LOCKED! THE WINDOW SHADES WERE DRAWN! WHAT THESE CRIMINALS WERE PLOTTING WAS NOT FOR THE EARS OF HONEST MEN! IGNATZ STOHL WAS THE OBVIOUS LEADER. A NAME AND A FACE KNOWN TO POLICE ALL OVER THE CONTINENT...

THE BIG MAN SAYS NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE AND DO THE JOB! HAVE YOU YOUR REPORTS READY?

EVERYTHING'S READY AT MY END!

I'VE GOT THINGS UNDER CONTROL, TOO!

FINE! MU, YOURS IS THE BIGGEST JOB OF ALL, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE TERRITORY BEST! IT'S YOUR TASK TO SOFTEN IT UP FOR THE REST TO MOVE IN!
IT'S BEING DONE RIGHT NOW!
HOW?

MY BOYS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE! SOME OF MY MEN ARE RIGHT IN WITH THE GUARDS THEMSELVES! WHEN THE TIME COMES TO STRIKE, WE'LL HAVE THEIR PROTECTION PARALYZED!

THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES ARE SOFTENED UP! WE GOT THEM FIXED UP SO THEY THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING IS FOR THEIR OWN GOOD! THE REST WILL BE TOO SCARED OF US TO FIGHT BACK!
THAT'S THE WAY! HOW ABOUT YOU, KOLEK?

I DID TWO THINGS! FIRST... I SHIPPED IN ENOUGH GUNS FOR OUR MEN TO DO THE WORK.. SECOND, NOBODY'S GOING TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON UNTIL IT'S ALL OVER, AND BY THAT TIME, IT'LL BE TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! HOW ABOUT YOU, IGNATZ? WHAT'S YOUR REPORT?
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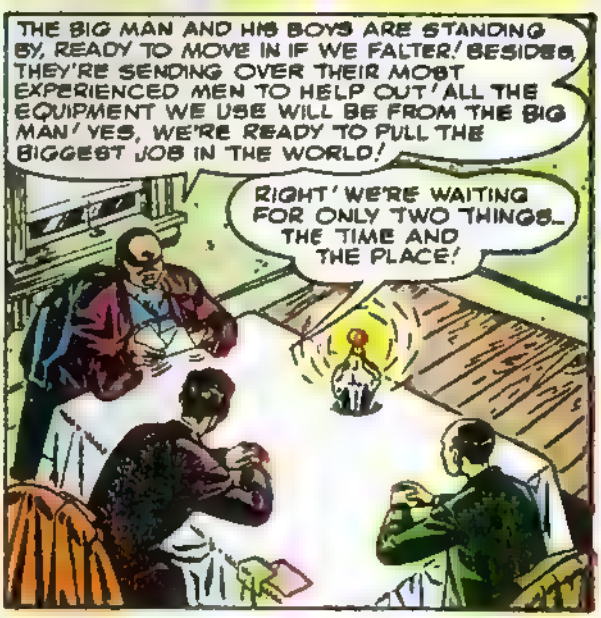
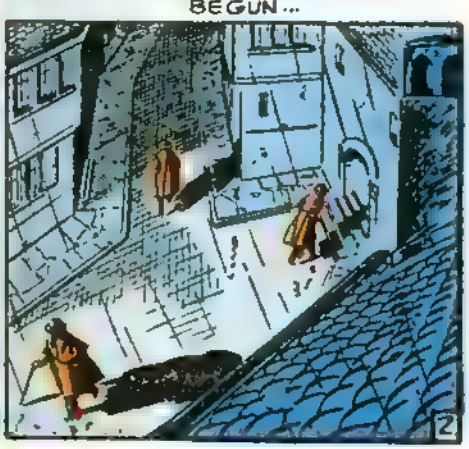

THE BIG MAN AND HIS BOYS ARE STANDING BY, READY TO MOVE IN IF WE FALTER! BESIDES, THEY'RE SENDING OVER THEIR MOST EXPERIENCED MEN TO HELP OUT! ALL THE EQUIPMENT WE USE WILL BE FROM THE BIG MAN! YES, WE'RE READY TO PULL THE BIGGEST JOB IN THE WORLD!
RIGHT! WE'RE WAITING FOR ONLY TWO THINGS.. THE TIME AND THE PLACE!

AND SO, THE PLAN WAS FULLY LAID FOR THE TOP CAPER OF ALL TIME BY THE LEADERS OF THE DEADLIEST GANG OF ALL TIME! A FEW MINUTES LATER, EACH WENT HIS SEPARATE WAY TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES AND THE WORLD'S BIGGEST THEFT WAS BEGUN...



THE MOB MOVED IN! WITHOUT WARNING, WHILE A COLD DAWN BROKE HAZILY OVER THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE PLACE TO BE TAKEN, THE GANG STRUCK...

KA-POW! KRACK!

THE MAIN BODY OF THE MOB RUSHED IN TO OVERWHELM THE WEAK RESISTANCE OF A STUNNED POLICE FORCE...

BLAM! BRADADADA! KAPOW!

SEND HELP AT ONCE! HURRY!

BRRRA DADADA

HELLO? HELLO? IT'S DEAD! CALL OUT THE POLICE RESERVES!

BUT THE POLICE AND ALL THEIR RESERVES WERE NOT ENOUGH TO COPE WITH THIS SAVAGE OUTLAW ATTACK, AS MEMBERS OF THE GANG SPREAD UP FROM ALL SIDES... FROM THE VERY RANKS OF THE POLICE THEMSELVES...

YOU ARE CALLING NO ONE!

POW! BANG!

THEY CAME OUT OF THE HILLS... THOUSANDS OF WELL-ARMED MOBSTERS... AND OUT OF THE SKIES IN SWIFT FIGHTER PLANES! YES, THIS WAS THE BIGGEST THEFT IN THE WORLD... THE BIGGEST OF ALL TIME... THE THEFT OF A NATION OF 3,858,900 SQUARE MILES AND OF 500,000,000 PEOPLE...

AND WHILE THE ARMED BANDITS DID THEIR NEFARIOUS KILLING THEIR COHORTS HELPED IN THE SWINDLE BY THE USE OF ANOTHER WEAPON.. WORDS!
LISTEN TO ME! YOU ARE HUNGRY AND STARVING! WHEN WE TAKE OVER, YOU SHALL HAVE FOOD AND DRINK... ALL YOU NEED! YOU NEED US TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!
THERE IT IS, ALL THE FOOD YOU NEED! TAKE IT! IT'S YOURS! GO ON! TAKE IT!
BUT THE TAKING WAS NOT EASY FOR THE MOB! MANY OF THE PEOPLE WERE NOT FRIGHTENED BY THE BULLETS OR SWAYED BY THE PROMISES! MANY FOUGHT BACK BY EVERY MEANS AT THEIR COMMAND.
BRADAT DADADA
POW! BANG!
SOME DIED DURING THE BATTLES.. AND SOME DIED AFTER THEM
MEANWHILE, THE "BIG MAN" HAD HIS EAR TO THE EVENTS OF THE THEFT...
WELL, IGNATZ? HOW DOES IT GO?
VERY WELL... ONLY THEIR PILOTS ARE INEXPERIENCED, AND..
ENOUGH! BORIS! SEND FIVE SQUADRONS OF FIGHTER PLANES AND OUR BEST PILOTS TO HELP IN THE INCIDENT TO THE SOUTH!
DA!
AND, TO GUARANTEE THE HEIST, THE BIG MAN'S MOB JOINED IN.
BA-WHUMP!
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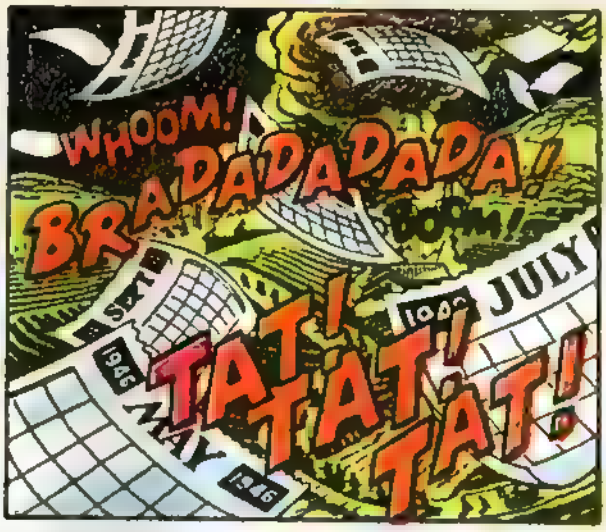
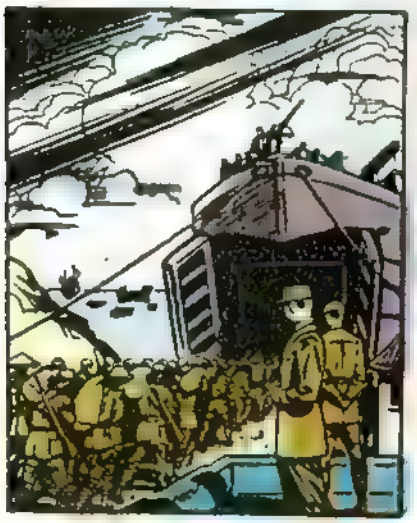
BUT EVEN WITH ALL THIS HELP, THE MOB DIDN'T HAVE IT EASY! THE FIGHTING WENT ON FOR MONTHS, AS THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY FOUGHT BACK FOR EVERY INCH OF THEIR LAND..

1946.. 1947.. 1948.. 1949.. THE YEARS PASSED BY, AND MORE AND MORE LAND FELL UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MURDERERS... THE THIEVES... THE MOB...



THE LAST OF THE DEFENDERS WAS DRIVEN OFF THE MAINLAND ONTO AN ISLAND OFF THE COAST..



AND AT LAST, THE THEFT WAS COMPLETE! IN SEPTEMBER 1949, THE MOB SET UP THEIR OWN RULE..

AND ON FEBRUARY 14, 1950 THE MOB SIGNED A FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL AID TREATY WITH THE BIG MAN AND HIS COHORTS...

SO IT WAS DONE! BY FALSE PROMISES, BY SCHEMING AND BY BLOOD AND BULLETS, THE WORLD'S BIGGEST THEFT WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT! AND THE PEOPLE LIVED AND STILL LIVE UNDER A TYRANNY WHOSE VICIOUSNESS AND CRUELTY IS SECOND ONLY TO THAT OF ITS PARTNER TO THE NORTH!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

ALTHOUGH EVERY DETAIL OF THIS STORY IS TRUE, THE MANNER OF WRITING AND PRESENTING IT HAS BEEN CHANGED SO THAT WE CAN POINT UP THE GANGSTER TACTICS OF THE CHINESE REDS AND THE RUSSIAN REDS IN PULLING A SWINDLE AND A CRIME THAT WAS ONE OF THE WORST THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN! CHINA, BIG, VAST AND POWERFUL, WAS THE STAKE IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST THEFT! AND ALL OF THE FREE WORLD MUST BE ON GUARD **SO THAT IT CANNOT HAPPEN ANYPLACE ELSE!**

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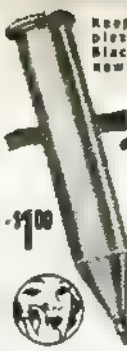

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instead. He pressed a button on the table and a heavy set man entered. A few words were whispered and the heavy set man left the room. Roger started to search in his mind where he had seen that man before but let it go when a motion picture machine was brought into the room. The lights were turned out and the film projected on the wall. It showed exactly everything Louis had told him.

"This is about the rawest thing I have ever seen," said Roger in no uncertain words. "You get away with this only because people are afraid of publicity. And actually there isn't a thing you can do if I refuse to pay the money. You really wouldn't go to the police. If there was a crime you are all guilty of helping to conceal it. And the chances are you killed the fellow yourself. But blackmail is a crime and of that you are all guilty."

Louis Carolan became upset and looked startled. This was an unexpected turn of events. He looked straight at the blackmailer and then spoke.

"Look here, Mr. Krilov, I think I agree with Mr. Livermore. Suppose we don't pay, just what can you do? A blackmailer only exists because people are afraid. You told me I killed a man. Well if I did then turn me over to the police. If we paid you now you probably would demand more some time in the future. You probably got another print of that film someplace."

Mr. Krilov didn't show he was scared. "O.K. with me. I'm going to call the police and turn you and the film over to them." He lifted the receiver from the hook and then Roger Livermore laughed.

"And don't forget all the things you will have to explain to the police. How did you make such a clear film? Only if you had lights set up for the occasion. Which means you must have planned this entire thing. And if you got the body of a dead man, then *you* killed him. Go ahead and call the police. That's the only way to handle blackmailers."

The heavy set man entered

the room. He had heard all that had been spoken. He rushed up to the two and then demanded from Mr. Krilov what to do.

"Say the word and I'll batter them both to pulp. I never did like dicks. And they got the dough on them. We can get rid of the bodies by putting them in the speed boat and dumping them out at sea."

Krilov went for the gun in his desk at the same time that his helper sent a smashing blow to Louis' jaw which floored the young man. Roger shoved the desk over with his right foot. He got his gun from his shoulder holster and it barked but once. Krilov yelled as the bullet went through his shoulder. Roger ducked a haymaker heading for his chin. He pulled the trigger again and the man slumped to the floor.

An hour after the police had taken charge of things Roger left the place with Louis. Two motorcycle officers were clearing the way for them as they headed back to town. They made the office just as the clock ticked out five. The pretty red head was leaving when Roger stopped her.

"Not so fast, baby. I recognized that husband of yours. And you must be the brains behind this blackmail outfit. Bet you fixed the key on the intercom so you could hear everything."

"I'll get you for t h i s!" shouted a female wildcat. "You had to mess up everything."

Roger headed for the office to get his money and he turned around with a bit of parting advice as the officers took the red head and placed the bracelets around her wrists.

"The movie film was a dead give away, kid. So clear it had to be planned. The cops agreed with me on that. And your hubby confessed he killed the guy whose body you used for a prop. 'Bye, and I hope you enjoy the food they give you in jail."

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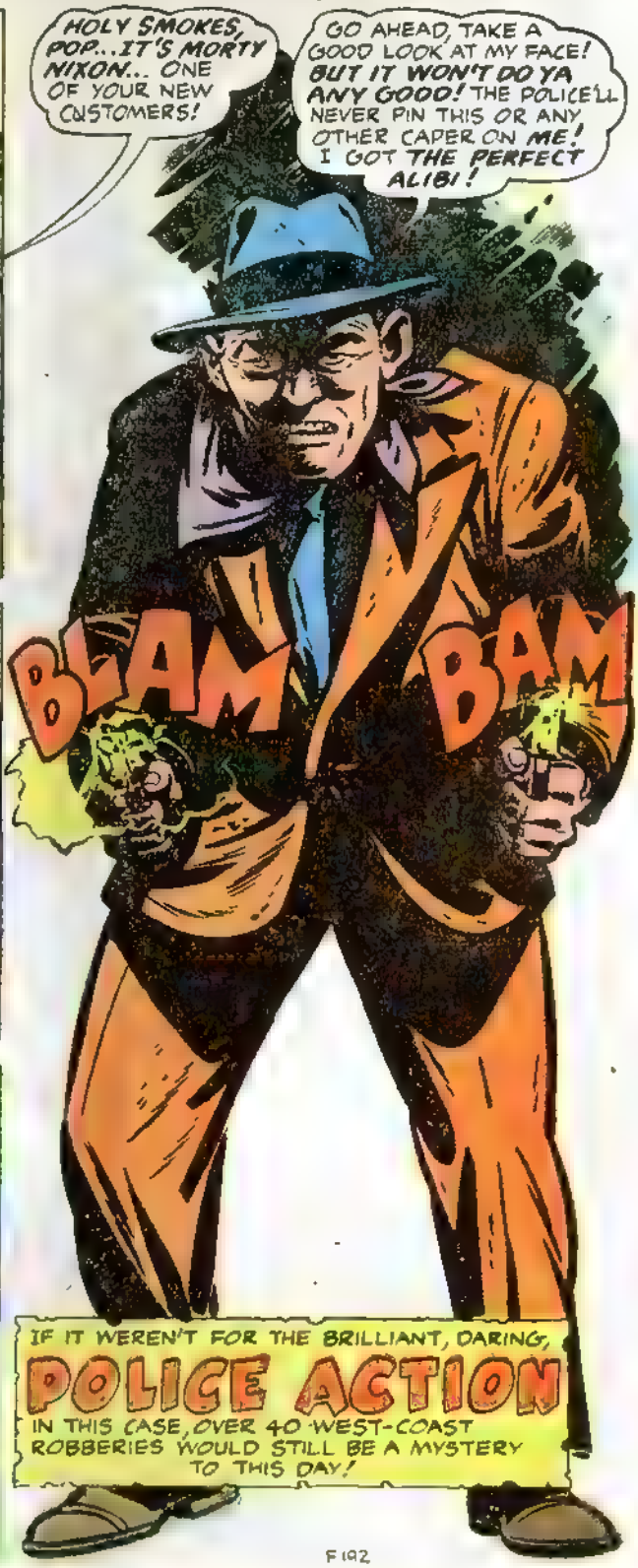
QUIT SHAKIN'! YOU'RE SPILLIN' THE DOUGH!


HOLY SMOKES, POP... IT'S MORTY NIXON... ONE OF YOUR NEW CUSTOMERS!
GO AHEAD, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY FACE! BUT IT WON'T DO YA ANY GOOD! THE POLICE'LL NEVER PIN THIS OR ANY OTHER CAPER ON ME! I GOT THE PERFECT ALIBI!
BLAM
BAM
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE BRILLIANT, DARING,
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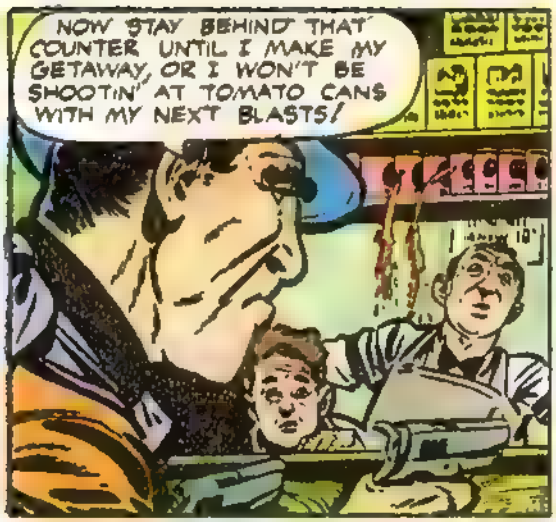
NOW STAY BEHIND THAT COUNTER UNTIL I MAKE MY GETAWAY, OR I WON'T BE SHOOTIN' AT TOMATO CANS WITH MY NEXT BLASTS!

THE HEIST-MAN RUNS OUT OF THE STORE, BUT HE'S NOT IN THE CLEAR!
HALT! STOP OR I'LL FIRE!
IT'S THE OFFICER ON THE BEAT! HE MUSTA HEARD MY SHOTS!
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THE CROOK KEEPS RUNNING! AND PATROLMAN AL JUDSON AND THE BULLETS FROM HIS SERVICE REVOLVER FOLLOW THE HOOD...
BLAM
BAM

I GOTTA SHAKE HIM! HIS SHOTS ARE COMIN' TOO CLOSE!
DGHKK

THIS CONSTRUCTION JOB OUGHTTA BE A GOOD PLACE TO GET RID OF HIM!

PATROLMAN JUDSON ENTERS THE AREA WITH CAUTION! HE SENSES THAT NIXON IS SOMEWHERE IN THE DARKNESS! BUT WHERE?

THE OFFICER LISTENS FOR SOUNDS! HE HEARS ONE! A SOFT, SWISHING SOUND! HE WHIRLS! HIS GUN IS READY FOR ACTION!
SOMETHING'S FLYING THRU THE... OW-W!
WHAP

HA! THAT HEAVY IRON CRANE-HOOK I SWUNG FROM THE DERRICK KNOCKED HIM COLD! NOW I CAN SCRAM WITHOUT BEIN' CHASED!
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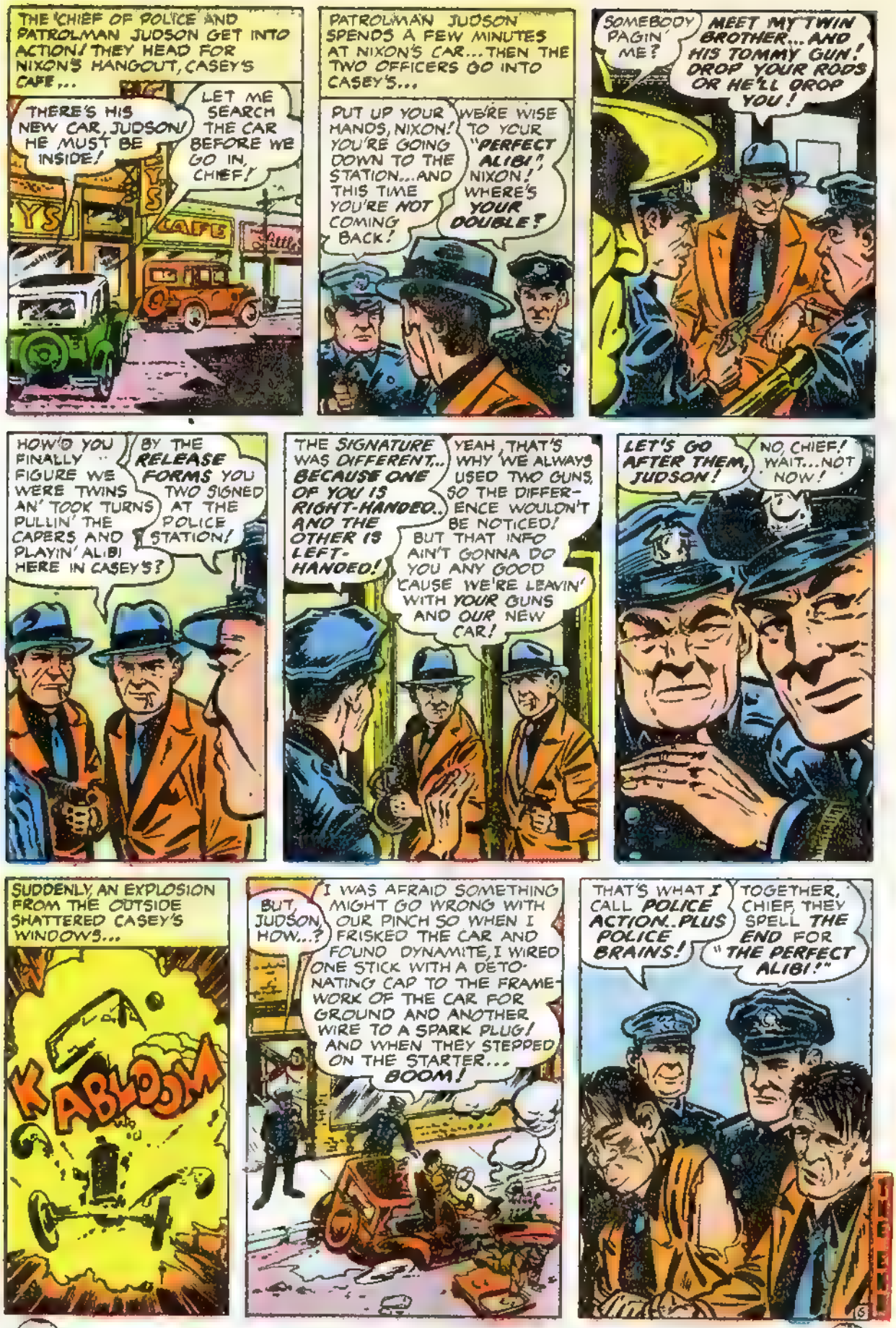
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, OFFICER JUDSON MAKES A CALL...
YEAH, I'M MORTY NIXON! WHY?
I'VE GOT A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST, TAKEN OUT BY THE MAN YOU TRIED TO ROB LAST NIGHT! HE IDENTIFIED YOU!
I WAS AT CASEY'S BAR ALL LAST NIGHT!
TELL IT TO THE CHIEF, NIXON! GET DRESSED! I'M TAKING YOU DOWN TO THE STATION!
THE HOOD GRUMBLES, BUT HE GOES PEACEFULLY! AT THE STATION, HE MAKES THE ONE PHONE CALL HE'S ENTITLED TO! TEN MINUTES LATER, HIS LAWYER IS THERE...
MY CLIENT, MR. NIXON, IS INNOCENT! AND TO PROVE IT... HE HAS THE PERFECT ALIBI!
THE PERFECT ALIBI IS CASEY, THE CAFE OWNER...
YEAH, CHIEF! NIXON WAS AT MY PLACE PLAYIN' CARDS FROM ABOUT NINE UNTIL TWO IN THE MORNING!
AND THE MEN NIXON PLAYED CARDS WITH HELP MAKE THE PERFECT ALIBI...
NO! HE DIDN'T LEAVE THE PLACE ONCE! NEVER EVEN GOT OUT OF HIS CHAIR!
THE WAITER AT CASEY'S SWEARS TO THE PERFECT ALIBI.
I QUIT WORK ABOUT ONE... AN' NIXON WAS STILL THERE WHEN I LEFT!
AND CLINCHER TO THE PERFECT ALIBI IS OFFICER BANNER...
CASEY'S PLACE IS ON MY BEAT, SIR! I LOOKED IN A FEW TIMES LAST NIGHT... AND NIXON WAS THERE EVERY TIME!
OKAY, NIXON! SIGN FOR THE STUFF WE TOOK OFF OF YOU WHEN WE BOOKED YOU, AND GET OUT!
BUT, CHIEF! I AM SURE HE IS THE MAN WHO TRIED TO ROB ME!
MR. FOWLER, YOUR FALSE CHARGES HAVE CAUSED GREAT HARM TO MY CLIENT'S CHARACTER AND REPUTATION! WE SHALL SUE YOU FOR DAMAGES!
WHAT? THAT BUM TRIES TO ROB MY POP AN' SLUGS ME... THEN HE SUES US? IS THIS JUSTICE?
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO! NIXON HAS THE PERFECT ALIBI!

TWO NIGHTS LATER, THE GAS STATION ON THE CORNER OF ELM AND PINEHURST IS ROBBED...
BUT, MISTER, I...
NO GAS, BUDDY... JUST THE DOUGH!
A HALF-HOUR AFTER THE ROBBERY, JOE FOSTER, THE GAS STATION OWNER, IS LOOKING THRU THE PICTURE RECORDS AT THE POLICE STATION....
YEAH, I'M SURE THAT'S THE GUY! I GOT A GOOD LOOK AT HIM!
OKAY, PATROLMAN JUDSON! PICK UP MORTY NIXON AGAIN!
PATROLMAN JUDSON MAKES THE PICKUP AT CASEY'S CAFE...
WHAT! AGAIN? WHAT'S THE GIMMICK THIS TIME?
YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I DO, NIXON! LET'S GO!
ONCE AGAIN, THE HOOD MAKES HIS ONE PHONE CALL! THE LAWYER COMES! HE SCREAMS FALSE ARREST! HE PROVES IT AGAIN BY THE PERFECT ALIBI...
IF THE ROBBERY WAS AT SEVEN O'CLOCK, THEN IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MR. NIXON, CHIEF... BECAUSE AT THAT TIME HE WAS AT MY PLACE BUYING A NEW AUTOMOBILE!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE ROBBED ME! HE TOOK OVER 300 DOLLARS!
YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE MUCH MORE THAN THAT, MR. FOSTER! MY CLIENT IS GOING TO SUE YOU... FOR FALSE ARREST!
YEAH, I'LL SIGN YOUR LI'L RELEASE FORM AGAIN! AN' MAKE SURE THAT THE KEYS TO MY NEW CAR ARE THERE!
SO LONG! SEE YA IN COURT! HA!
GEE, AL, THERE GOES THE BIGGEST CROOK IN THE STATE! HE ROBS ME OF THE DOUGH I NEED TO MAKE A PAYMENT ON MY GAS STATION, AND I END UP IN COURT, BEING SUED BY HIM!
A MAN IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY, JOE! THAT'S THE LAW! AND MORTY NIXON WILL BE INNOCENT.. AS LONG AS HE HAS... THE PERFECT ALIBI!

ON MONDAY, THE WHITE EAGLE BAKERY AT 1120 LINCOLN AVENUE IS ROBBED...
ON TUESDAY, THE CASHIER AT THE TRYLON THEATER IS THE VICTIM...
ON WEDNESDAY IT'S THE ROYALTON RESTAURANT THAT'S HELD UP...
ON THURSDAY, THE DRUG STORE ON THORN AND EAGLE STREETS GETS A VISIT FROM THE TWO-GUN GANGSTER!
FOR TWO WEEKS, IT'S A DIFFERENT PLACE EVERY NIGHT! THE VICTIMS REPORT THE ROBBERIES! THEY SEE THE CROOK'S FACE! THEY IDENTIFY HIS PICTURE IN THE POLICE RECORDS! BUT THEY WON'T PRESS CHARGES...
IF I DO, CHIEF, NIXON'S LAWYER WILL PULL THAT "PERFECT ALIBI" STUFF ON ME, LIKE HE DID ON ALL THE REST! AND I'LL END UP BEING SUED AND LOSE MONEY TWO WAYS!
THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT IT, TOO CHIEF!
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BETTER DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE ROBBERIES... AND SOON...OR ALL US MERCHANTS WILL GET TOGETHER AND DEMAND A NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT!
AND THAT INCLUDES A NEW POLICE CHIEF! GOOD DAY!
PATROLMAN JUDSON, THIS ALL STARTED ON YOUR BEAT AND YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS CASE PRETTY CLOSELY! HOW ABOUT WORKING ON IT EXCLUSIVELY AND TRY TO SAVE YOU, ME AND THE DEPARTMENT?
I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK FOR THAT ASSIGNMENT, CHIEF!
BECAUSE I THINK I'VE GOT SOMETHING HOT! I'VE BEEN LOOKING OVER ALL THESE RELEASE FORMS MORTY NIXON SIGNED TO GET HIS STUFF BACK AFTER WE BOOKED HIM AFTER EACH ROBBERY! AND, CHIEF, THEY'RE SIGNED IN TWO DIFFERENT HANDWRITINGS!
HOLY SMOKES, JUDSON... YOU'RE RIGHT!


THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND PATROLMAN JUDSON GET INTO ACTION! THEY HEAD FOR NIXON'S HANGOUT, CASEY'S CAFE...
THERE'S HIS NEW CAR, JUDSON! HE MUST BE INSIDE!
LET ME SEARCH THE CAR BEFORE WE GO IN, CHIEF!
CAFE
PATROLMAN JUDSON SPENDS A FEW MINUTES AT NIXON'S CAR... THEN THE TWO OFFICERS GO INTO CASEY'S...
PUT UP YOUR HANDS, NIXON! YOU'RE GOING DOWN TO THE STATION... AND THIS TIME YOU'RE NOT COMING BACK!
WE'RE WISE TO YOUR "PERFECT ALIBI", NIXON! WHERE'S YOUR DOUBLE?
SOMEBODY PAGIN' ME?
MEET MY TWIN BROTHER... AND HIS TOMMY GUN! DROP YOUR RODS OR HE'LL DROP YOU!
HOW'D YOU FINALLY FIGURE WE WERE TWINS AN' TOOK TURNS PULLIN' THE CAPERS AND PLAYIN' ALIBI HERE IN CASEY'S?
BY THE RELEASE FORMS YOU TWO SIGNED AT THE POLICE STATION!
THE SIGNATURE WAS DIFFERENT.. BECAUSE ONE OF YOU IS RIGHT-HANDED.. AND THE OTHER IS LEFT-HANDED!
YEAH, THAT'S WHY WE ALWAYS USED TWO GUNS, SO THE DIFFERENCE WOULDN'T BE NOTICED! BUT THAT INFO AIN'T GONNA DO YOU ANY GOOD 'CAUSE WE'RE LEAVIN' WITH YOUR GUNS AND OUR NEW CAR!
LET'S GO AFTER THEM, JUDSON!
NO, CHIEF! WAIT...NOT NOW!
SUDDENLY AN EXPLOSION FROM THE OUTSIDE SHATTERED CASEY'S WINDOWS...
KABLOOM
BUT, JUDSON, HOW...?
I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING MIGHT GO WRONG WITH OUR PINCH SO WHEN I FRISKED THE CAR AND FOUND DYNAMITE, I WIRED ONE STICK WITH A DETONATING CAP TO THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CAR FOR GROUND AND ANOTHER WIRE TO A SPARK PLUG! AND WHEN THEY STEPPED ON THE STARTER... BOOM!
THAT'S WHAT I CALL POLICE ACTION..PLUS POLICE BRAINS!
TOGETHER, CHIEF, THEY SPELL THE END FOR "THE PERFECT ALIBI!"
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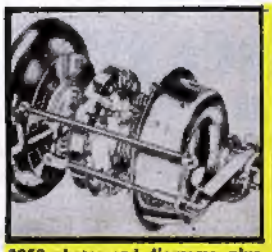

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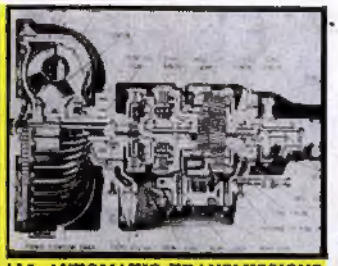

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